

floor, I covered some of the problems that Senator McFarland has expressed, I said, I don't know whether the death penalty deters crime or not. I don't think we have any statistics to prove one way or the other. But it seems to me we need something there because if a person has once been sentenced to life imprisonment and that is the worst he can get, then there is nothing to prevent his killing a couple of guards, which I think would be covered in McFarland's case and which Senator Chambers put in the bill a couple of years ago and he thought he had my vote but I said to him, I said, how about the hostages that you might kill? Now, I don't know if that's going to deter anybody or not but I would not be comfortable by not having some...something more severe than that life imprisonment for the person that got out of prison. I hope that Senator McFarland, I think, is going to have another amendment down the line that will take care of maybe killing hostages. I think Senator Ashford has an amendment that would address the matter of contract killing. And then, getting back to my case at Rulo, I feel perhaps that there was a case maybe where there was torture, that type of thing, I guess I am not quite ready to vote to not give them the death sentence. Now, I think if Senator Chambers, Senator McFarland and Senator Ashford can address those problems for me, or maybe the multiple killing, maybe a person has killed once, he was not caught and he was not arrested and he got away...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR REMMERS: ...and killed two or three more times, I guess I am not ready to give those types of criminals a chance to get out of the death penalty. But I do think we have to address the death penalty law in Nebraska somewhere along the lines of what Senator Chambers is telling us. Our death penalty law is a farce. It's not being applied, not only because of judges and lawyers, but it's not being applied in many cases because the juries simply hesitate to convict with a death sentence because there is always that possibility that that might be an error. So we have the lesser...lesser charge of maybe second degree murder and the person is back out on the streets to commit murder again in five or seven years. I think we need to work on this bill and I would urge you to support McFarland's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Ashford and Goodrich.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, there are a number of people who have never participated in one